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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

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1. SINCE WE EXPECT EXPERTS GROUP WILL ADDRESS BROAD RANGE OF TECHNICAL ISSUES REGARDING MILITARY BUDGETS, AND NOT SUCH POLITICAL QUESTIONS AS DESIRABILITY OF BUDGET REDUCTION MEASURES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN STUDY TO HAVE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO DEFENSE BUDGETS OR BUDGETS IN GENERAL. WE FEEL THAT ECONOMISTS AND FINANCIAL EXPERTS WITH BROADER BACKGROUNDS WOULD ALSO BE SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR STUDY.

2. WITH REGARD TO AVAILABILITY OF DUPONT, YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT WHILE FIRST SESSION OF EXPERTS GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16-26, THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT GROUP MIGHT CONCLUDE WORK OF SESSION, WHICH WILL PRIMARILY BE ORGANIZATIONAL, AFTER ONE WEEK. HOWEVER, SHOULD DE STAERCKE STILL BE UNWILLING TO SPARE DUPONT, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE GOB TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER CANDIDATE WITH ABOVE QUALIFICATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO DE STAERCKE'S INTENTION TO BRING UP QUESTION OF "WESTERN REPRESENTATION" IN NATO, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON REFTEL B IN POINTING OUT THAT WE DO NOT REGARD

EXPERTS STUDY AS AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATION REQUIRING ADEQUATE AND FORMAL REPRESENTATION OF WESTERN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, BUT RATHER AS A SERIOUS TECHNICAL STUDY BY QUALIFIED EXPERTS WHO DO NOT OFFICIALLY REPRESENT GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. WE CONTINUE TO SEE NO NEED FOR CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION OF EXPERTS GROUP IN NATO COUNCIL BECAUSE, AS WE PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED, MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF NATO COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK. KISSINGER

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